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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 19, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully submits a petition for an one-month extension of time to file this amendment and response. With the petition, the response is now due September 19, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.